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Spruce Up Your Sprinklers and Save Money

This past winter was one of the colder winters in recent memory, and it may have damaged your sprinkler system. Cracked pipes and broken sprinkler heads could waste up to 25,000 gallons of water—enough to fill a swimming pool—at a cost of more than \$90 over a six-month irrigation season.

Ensure that your sprinkler system is in good condition by following these simple steps:

Inspect. Check your system for clogged, broken or missing sprinkler heads. Look for misting on sprinkler heads (excessive water pressure) and problems like fixed spray heads and rotors on the same irrigation zone. For problems too difficult to fix on your own, be sure to contact a licensed irrigator or irrigation professional certified through a WaterSense-labeled irrigation program.

Connect. Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes and hoses. If water is pooling on your landscape or you have large wet areas, there could be a leak in your system. A leak as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen (0.03 inches) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.

Direct. Are you watering the driveway, house or sidewalk instead of your yard? Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to your lawn or plants. It's very common for fixed spray heads to get turned the wrong way and end up spraying the pavement.

Select. An improperly scheduled irrigation controller can waste a lot of water and money. Most controllers have a "Seasonal Adjust" feature that increases or decreases run times with the seasons. You can also install a WaterSense-labeled controller, which acts like a thermostat for your sprinkler system telling it when to turn on and off, uses local weather and landscape conditions to tailor watering schedules to better match plants' water needs.

City of College Station Water Services offers free landscape irrigation checkups to help you spruce up your irrigation system. To schedule an appointment or to learn more about water conservation efforts, call 979.764.3660 or email jnations@cstx.gov.

Read more water-smart tips and fun water facts at cstx.gov/water.

Have a **Splashing** Safe Time

The College Station Fire Department wants you and your family to have a fun and safe summer while at the pool, lake or river by following these safety tips:

- o Always provide adult supervision when young children are swimming. Children under 5 years old should have an adult within arm's reach while they are in the water.
- o Have a CPR-trained individual nearby.
- o Have a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (such as a life jacket).
- o Never dive or jump into unfamiliar water.
- o Your pool should have at least a 4-foot high fence around it that has a self-closing gate with latches that are out of reach of small children.
- o Remove floating toys from the pool that can tempt young children to reach for them.

For more safety information, visit cstx.gov/fire or call 979.764.3705.

QUICK LINKS

Water Conservation
cstx.gov/water

City of CS on social media



[facebook.com/
cityofcollegestation](https://facebook.com/cityofcollegestation)



twitter.com/cityofcs

ENERGY BACK II Rebate Program

Up to \$800 cash rebate!

The City of College Station is offering up to \$800 cash rebate to College Station Utilities electric customers who purchase and install whole system central air conditioning units with a 15 SEER or higher rating. SEER stands for Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio and is the means by which air conditioning systems are rated for efficiency. The higher the SEER value, the more efficiently the system operates, which will save you money and assist in reducing the peak demand placed on the city's electrical system during the summer months.

Rebate dollar amounts are as follows:

SEER RATING	15	16	17	18+
REBATE	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800

To learn more or to get an application, visit cstx.gov/energy or call 979.764.6343.



Retire Your Flag with Honor

Donate before June 14

Is your American flag starting to look a little worn? Drop it off at any College Station fire station between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. before June 14 (Flag Day). Donated flags will be given to Boy Scout Troop 102, which will properly dispose of them in a retirement ceremony hosted by American Legion Post 159. The retirement ceremony is the Eagle Scout project of local scout, Austin Sims.

POOLS OPEN MAY 31



ADAMSON LAGOON POOL

ADMISSION \$6
979.764.3735 | 1900 Anderson
May 31-Aug. 24 (Closed July 31-Aug. 3)
Mon.-Fri., 1-7 p.m.
Sat.-Sun., 12-7 p.m.

Discount Pass (25 swims): \$100
Individual Pass: \$125
Family Pass (up to 5): \$250
\$25 each additional

CINDY HALLARAN POOL

ADMISSION \$3
979.764.3787 | 1600 Rock Prairie Rd
May 31- Aug. 24
Mon., 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.
Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sat.-Sun., 12-7 p.m.

Discount Pass (25 swims): \$50
Individual Pass: \$75
Family Pass (up to 5): \$150
\$25 each additional

THOMAS POOL

ADMISSION \$3
979.764.3721 | 1300 James Parkway
May 31-Aug. 24 (Closed July 31-Aug. 3)
Mon., Closed
Tue.-Fri., 1-5 p.m.
Sat.-Sun., 12-7 p.m.

Discount Pass (25 swims): \$50
Individual Pass: \$75
Family Pass (up to 5): \$150
\$25 each additional

For more information on pool activities and rentals, go to:

cstx.gov/pools

events

June-July 2014

FreeFit

Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.
W.A. Tarrow Pavilion
cstx.gov/events or 979.764.3486

Summer Reading Program
Registration May 19-July 31
bcslibrary.org

Big Rigs at the LJR Library
June 3, 9-11 a.m. | Free!
bcslibrary.org or 979.764.3416

Starlight Music Series
June 7, 7-11 p.m.
Featuring Matt Wertz & Brad Cooper
Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater
cstx.gov/starlight or 979.764.3486

Juneteenth Celebrations
June 16 & 19 at Lincoln Recreation Center.
cstx.gov/lincolncenter or 979.764.3779

July 4 | City Offices will be closed for Independence Day. No recycling collection. All other sanitation collections will run as scheduled.

Neighborhood Fishing Program
July 12, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Stephen C. Beachy Central Park
cstx.gov/events or 979.764.3486

Adult Softball & Kickball
Register: July 28-Aug. 8
Teams: \$390. Ages 16+
cstx.gov/sports or 979.764.3486

Games of Texas | July 31-Aug. 4
taaf.com or 979.764.3486

NEW SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS
cstx.gov/camps or 979.764.3486

SWIM LESSONS
Five sessions available from June to August for ages 6 months to adult.
cstx.gov/swim or 979.764.3486

For more events, visit:

cstx.gov/calendar